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KIEL INDORSE FOR MAYOR BY EAGLE COLORED CITIZENS

Men Of Prominence Sight Many Good Things Accomplished During The Present Administration.

Business Ability, Honesty And Fairness Should Command Him To Our People. True Justice Demands Another Term As City's Head.

Mayor Kiel's administration has been one of splendid achievements. St. Louis is not only holding its place as the fourth city of the United States, but will soon be a contender for third place among the great municipalities of the nation.

Under Mayor Kiel's administration a consistent fight has been made for new industries, and a greater St. Louis.

As St. Louis grows industrially and commercially our people will be the beneficiaries along with all the other people of the community in sharing the benefits of a well-conducted business administration.

Under Mayor Kiel's administration the Free Bridge has been completed, and transportation over the river made free.

Under Kiel's administration the water rates have been reduced, thereby saving the people thousands of dollars.

Mayor Kiel's administration has abolished the dangerous grade crossings, which have acted as death traps for many years.

Under Mayor Kiel's administration the present system of universal transfers was adopted, and now we can go from one point to another over the various lines of the United Railways Company for one fare.

Mayor Kiel's administration has recognized our race by appointing some of our men to responsible positions. We have seen for the first time in the history of St. Louis, a man of our race filling the position as Assistant City Counselor and appointment made during the Kiel administration.

We have seen one of the police corps two men of our race filling positions as clerks. These men are in complete charge of the records of the court to which they have been assigned.

We have seen of our race filling responsible positions in the police corps and firemen in the various departments of the city. Some are filling positions never before held by colored men.

The City Hall, Municipal Court Bldg and Court House are in charge of Negro Cantinians.

Mayor Kiel has approved an ordinance for a community park and playgrounds. Summer High School and when completed, under present plan will cost over \$100,000. Mayor Kiel favors an extension of these playgrounds to all sections of the city, so that places of recreation may be easily accessible to a great number of people who can not afford to pay car fare to the large parks.

The mayor's conference committee is the primary organization to confer with the mayor on matters pertaining to the interest of the city. This committee is composed of representatives from the civic, business and industrial organizations of the city. On this committee we have one of our race as a representative of our people. The position of Sergeant at Arms of the Board of Aldermen is filled by a man of our race.

In view of the splendid record of Mayor Kiel's administration, and a disposition on his part to be the mayor of all the people regardless of race as condition we find that a change at this time would be a backward step for our great city.

Therefore, we take this method of endorsing the Honorable Mayor Kiel for mayor, and urge every citizen regardless of race, to support and vote for Henry W. Kiel at the primaries March 8, 1917.

Rev. C. G. Shaw, pastor of Zion Church; Rev. Wm. Pook, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church; Rev. J. B. Phillips, Harry G. Douglass, pastor of St. Paul, Rev. J. B. C. Ogle, pastor of Providence Baptist Church; Robt. L. Phillips, Business Agent of Building Labor Local No. 3; Rev. A. H. R. The pastor of Baptist Church, 1008 Page St.; Rev. W. McKinn, undertaker; Rev. J. Douglas Henson, 1120 La Salle St.; R. J.

MAYOR HENRY W. KIEL

PYTHIANS SECURE RANKIN TRACT AND COLISEUM FOR AUG

Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee, Under Whip and Spur Drive Toward Biggest Meeting in History of Order. 40,000 Visitors in St. Louis in August.

The Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee, under the leadership of General Chairman W. W. Bookley, is under whip and spur these days making preparations for the entertainment of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and the Supreme Court, Order of Columbus and the Encampment of the Uniform Department. The committee is thoroughly organized into subcommittees and each of them is running smoothly.

The Rankin tract, Market, between Compton and Theresa avenues, has been secured for a camp ground and work will start soon to put it in shape for the reception of the uniformed men next summer. Maj. Gen. R. B. Jackson, a communication to King, Gen. W. H. Butler this week, instructed the brigadier to secure more ground, stating that the reports coming into his office from the different states would not be large enough.

From reports from various parts of the country it is learned that the meeting in St. Louis next August will be the largest gathering in the history of the order. Fully forty thousand visitors are expected to be in attendance. It is predicted that St. Louis hospitality will be taxed to the utmost to provide comfort for all who will come.

At the meeting of the General Committee on Wednesday night August 1st, Gen. L. Vaughn, chief of the Publicity Bureau, stated that 10,000 stickers and an equal number of post cards advertising the coming convocation would be ready for distribution to Pythians and other citizens next week. They may be obtained at his office, 2323 Market street.

The Coliseum has been retained for three nights during the week of the supreme session and entertainment, surpassing anything which St. Louis has ever witnessed heretofore, will be pulled off.

ALL FIVE LYNCHED NOW ADMITTED TO BE INNOCENT

Atlantic Constitution Admits That Lives of Innocent Persons Were Sacrificed. State Victim Nearly Lynched Has Been Proven Not Guilty in Courts.

The Constitution, Atlanta, Ga., February 8, 1917.

Jim Keith is a Negro who, more than a year ago, narrowly escaped lynching by a Georgia mob under the impression that he had murdered a sheriff.

He was saved by Worth county officials, but the lawless band did not let him go until he had been nearly lynched five other Negroes caught to have been implicated in the murder of which Keith was accused.

Jim Keith subsequently was tried, found guilty and sentenced to a life term in the penitentiary in the history of the state.

In the meantime, while Jim Keith lay in prison, new light was shed upon the original crime, and the convict was given another trial.

All Five Lynched Proven Innocent. Now the new evidence proves Jim Keith and the five dead Negroes innocent, and he was acquitted and his freedom restored by a white jury.

What a commentary upon the accused institution of lynching!

A murder is committed; a mob forms; five innocent Negroes are lynched; the life of a sixth Negro saved by the authorities from the mob; then, more than a year later, further evidence has led to the general belief that the five Negroes, who are dead, are the murderers.

The injustice.

A white jury and the law, which with deliberation, could restore to the innocent victim of a mob, have made his liberty, but not to the five others, who are dead.

Comment of a White Georgia Paper. How long are the days of abiding citizens of Georgia going to tolerate this disgraceful barbaric practice?

which is the foulest blot upon the name of the state today!—Boston Guardian.

ROLAND W. HAYES THE NOTED TENOR

Will Be Heard at Wheatley Branch Young Women's Christian Association Wednesday Evening, February 28

There are just a few more days left in which to secure tickets for the noted tenor, Roland W. Hayes, at the Wheatley Branch Young Women's Christian Association, Wednesday evening, February 28.

Out of consideration for high school teachers and pupils the program will not begin until 9 o'clock. Among the interesting press comments are the following:

Roland W. Hayes, a young American tenor, was the star attraction, and he sang for his first solo a DeKoven number, "Mits Gitsa" of unusual sweetness. His voice possesses a musical quality that is not often heard even in those days of muted, profoundly.

Mr. Hayes, for his second number sang the tenor aria "O Gilda Me" from Puccini's opera "La Boheme". The full beauty of his voice was clearly depicted and at the close he was greeted with salutes of the most enthusiastic.

Mr. Hayes was accompanied by the Boston City Club Orchestra.

From the many criticisms we have chosen one from Philip Hale of Boston.

"Mr. Hayes has been heard here several times, and always with pleasure. His voice has an unusually beautiful quality. He is powerful enough to sing dramatic passages with a liberal range, and even tones throughout. Mr. Hayes uses this organ with intelligence and taste. His enunciation is definitely clear. When he sings there is no need for a book of the words. He has made marked progress in the art of interpretation. He sings that which should not be anticipated; that continual emphasis is not expression. Best of all, he feels what he sings and is able to communicate his sentiment and emotion."

His appearance on the 28th will be his last in St. Louis.

Mr. Hayes will be accompanied by his pianist, Mr. William L. King. The program will be as follows:

- I. Ronde Capriccioso..... Mr. William L. King.
- II. (a) Thank God for a Garden (b) Hallelujah..... Katherine Ginn.
- (c) Three Shadows..... H. T. Burleigh.
- Mr. Roland W. Hayes.
- III. (a) Afterward..... Harry T. Delmore.
- (b) Three Questions..... J. Rosemond Johnson.
- (c) When Your Dear Daughter, La Fierge..... Mr. Hayes.
- IV. Rattle of Spring..... Standing V.
- (a) The Year 1915 (b) The Year 1916..... Mr. King.
- (c) Why Roses for You..... Roland W. Hayes.
- Mr. Hayes.
- VI. The Bonhomme..... S. Colbridge Taylor.
- Mr. King.
- On away, Away..... S. Colbridge Taylor.
- Mr. Hayes.

Medical Forum

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Louis Medical Forum convened in its newly allotted rooms at the Public Library, 14th and Olive Sts., Tuesday evening. About 25 members were present and heard a very interesting paper on "Blood Pressure," by Dr. R. C. Howell, who demonstrated as he read, Drs. Herrick, Key, Hancock, Jacques, Tyler, Slaughter and Edwards discussed the paper. On motion by Dr. C. S. Bailey the Forum unanimously endorsed the bill now before the Missouri Legislature for the establishment of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium for the treatment of colored Negroes. A petition and resolution was drawn up, begging its location in St. Louis. Other matters pertaining to the civic betterment were discussed after which the three new applications were favorably acted upon. The meeting then adjourned to meet the first Tuesday of March when Dr. C. S. Bailey will read a paper and Dr. Edwards and Dr. Jacques will lead in the discussion. The Forum is a representative organization of the physicians of the city with a membership of 23. The officers are: Drs. Chas. Henry Phillips, Jr., President; Chas. W. W. Starnham, Vice President; James A. Simpson, Treasurer; and Eustace H. Gordon, Secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of Dr. C. E. Jones, W. B. A. Barrett, R. C. Howell, G. B. Key and E. S. Bailey.

MISS ABBOTT LECTURES ON THE UNBORN

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Five Act Original Drama on the Subject of Birth Control Expected to Create Sensation Next Week.



Miss Louise Emma Abbott.

Miss Louise Emma Abbott, former head nurse of the Kansas City, Mo., Colored Hospital, will lecture to the ladies only during the daily matinees of "The Unborn," at the Booker Washington Theater next week, beginning Monday, Feb. 26.

Men will only be admitted at nights and Sunday matinee. The matinee will begin each week at 2 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents. Night shows, with high class vaudeville, at regular prices, start at 6 p. m.

Owing to the delicate subject dealt with in this great film, children will not be admitted unless accompanied by parents, or bringing notes granting permission to view the picture.

The play is by George Eliot, Jr., and deals with a much discussed subject, birth control. It exposes the queer doctor's nefarious methods and handles the subject in almost unobjectionable manner.

The picture has been produced to serve a moral purpose and as such it is an excellent and vivid precedent, as well as an interesting and entertaining production. It strikes at the root of an evil and frankly shows the truth in doing so it makes a production especially enlightening for parents. The photography, excellent acting, beautiful interior scenes, all help to make this wonderfully interesting feature.

The vaudeville program will be unusually attractive, including such well known favorites as "Charles Anderson," the celebrated tenor singer and soloist, Ernest Watts and Mabel Ringling in a rip-roaring burlesque farce. Other acts will make the week a lively one at the Booker Washington Theater. It is well to remember that there will be daily matinees and night shows all the week and the thousands of patrons anticipated will have ample opportunity to witness the big production.

New York Central Want Negro Labor

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The Rev. I. B. Brown, who has been active in securing employment for Negro labor in Rochester, has been successful in securing a communication from the New York Central railroad stating that the road can use five hundred colored laborers for general track work.

These laborers will be placed to work at different points on the Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo divisions to work on the track. The wages will be 16 cents per hour. The bunk houses for living purposes, are equipped with tiger steel bunks and stores, and are free of charge. The wages will be furnished from New York or Chicago.

LENITE SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lenten season was begun at All Saints Church last Wednesday, with Holy Communion at 7:30 and 11:30 a. m., and evening prayer at 8:30. Bushy Daniel S. Tuttle, the speaker, Rev. George E. Norton, Rector of St. Michaels and All Angels, will preach next Wednesday and Rev. Jas. R. Harting, Rector of Ascension Church, will be the speaker on Friday. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Peerless Knights Social Session

The Benevolent Order of Peerless Knights, as usual, have set the pace for entertaining, and their annual social session which was held Tuesday evening at Covington Hall 2904 Penn street, was replete with so many new and up-to-the-minute numbers on the program that the many of the guests were reminded of Ziegfeld's Follies. More than a hundred invited guests were almost of one opinion that the social session of the Peerless Knights was the finest effort of the kind.

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Quill Pushers Nashville Meeting

Nashville, Tenn.—The National News from Association closed its twelfth annual session here Saturday, Feb. 10.

Most important business was transacted, and Chris J. Perry of Philadelphia was elected president for ensuing year. The delegates visited and were entertained at all the principal institutions in the city.

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